

LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) Device ~~In a device~~ for locking the steering shaft of a motor vehicle against rotation ~~by means of~~ comprising:

a locking bolt cooperating with locking recesses of the steering shaft, ~~the improvement wherein, the locking bolt, with the aid of~~ and a control member ~~that can be rotated~~ rotatable back and forth, ~~can be displaced~~ displacing the locking bolt back and forth radially relative to the axis of rotation of the control member between a steering shaft locking position and a steering shaft release position~~[[,]]; and which engages with a laterally protruding pin, a spiral groove of the control member, which groove, on the end face of the control member adjacent to the locking bolt, winds around the axis of rotation of the control member, the improvement further comprising:~~

said locking bolt being formed in one piece, and having a laterally protruding said pin displaceably supported in the locking bolt and being spring-loaded in a ~~the~~ direction towards the control member;

said control member being provided on an end face of the control member adjacent to the locking bolt with a spiral groove which winds around the axis of rotation of the control member and which is engaged by the pin of the locking bolt;

said control member having an inclined surface cooperating with the pin of the locking bolt and rising from the bottom of the spiral groove of the control member to a flat surface thereof facing toward the locking bolt, so that the pin of the locking bolt is moved out of ~~can extend from~~ the spiral groove of the control member against the action of its spring, when ~~and~~ the control member is ~~can be~~ rotated as far as into the position corresponding to the locking position of the locking bolt ~~even if~~ and no locking recess of the steering shaft is located in front of the locking bolt and the locking bolt cannot move into its locking position.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~improvement~~ device according to claim 1, wherein the inclined surface of the control member extends along the spiral groove of the control member and begins at a point on the bottom of the spiral groove at which the pin of the locking bolt rests upon rotation of the control member for displacement of the locking bolt out of the release position into the locking position, when no locking recess of the steering shaft is located in front of the locking bolt and the locking bolt cannot move into its locking position.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~improvement~~ device according to claim 1, wherein the locking bolt is spring-loaded in a ~~the~~ direction towards the steering shaft.

4. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the control member is formed as a circular disk with circumferential teeth engaged ~~for engagement~~ by a drive pinion or a drive worm.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~improvement~~ device according to claim 4, wherein an electric motor with reversible direction of rotation rotates ~~cooperates with~~ the drive pinion or the drive worm.

6. (Previously Presented) The device according to claim 5, wherein the electric motor is disposed coaxially relative to the drive worm and next to the locking bolt.